

PATENT**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
PATENT APPLICATION**

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**AUDIO APPARATUS, AUDIO VOLUME CONTROL METHOD IN AUDIO APPARATUS,
AND COMPUTER APPARATUS**

the specification of which (check one)

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed:

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Number)	(Country)	(Filing Date)	(Yes) (No)

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